## **Announcements**

□ Homework for tomorrow...

Ch. 23, CQ 3, Probs. 4, 8, & 9

CQ7: closer together

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□ Office hours...

MW 10-11 am

TR 9-10 am

F 12-1 pm

■ Tutorial Learning Center (TLC) hours:

MTWR 8-6 pm

F 8-11 am, 2-5 pm

Su 1-5 pm

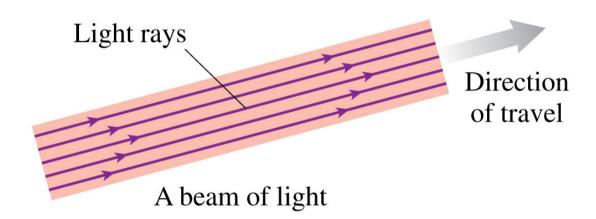
# Chapter 23

## **Ray Optics**

(The Ray Model of Light & Reflection)

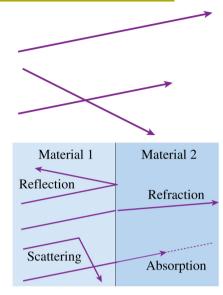
## 23.1: The Ray Model of Light

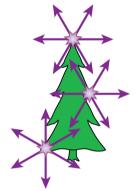
- □ The ray model is valid as long as any apertures through which the light passes are *very wide* compared to the wavelength of light.
- Define a light ray as a line in the direction along which light energy is flowing.
  - A light ray is an *abstract idea*, not a *physical entity*.



## The Ray Model of Light (5 basic ideas)...

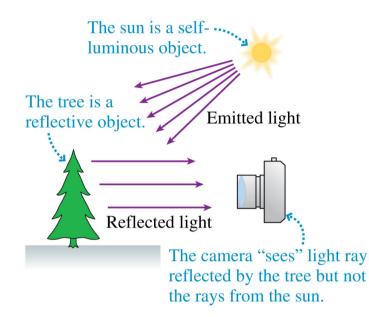
- 1. Light rays travel in straight lines.
  - The speed of light is v = c/n, where n is the index of refraction of the material.
- 2. Light rays can cross.
  - Light rays do *not* interact with each other.
- 3. A light ray travels forever *unless* it interacts with matter.
  - Light interacts with matter four ways:
  - 1. Either reflected or refracted at an interface.
  - 2. Either scattered or absorbed within a material.
- 4. An object is a source of light rays.
  - Rays originate from *every* point on the object and sends rays in *all* directions.
- 5. The eye sees by focusing a diverging bundle of rays.





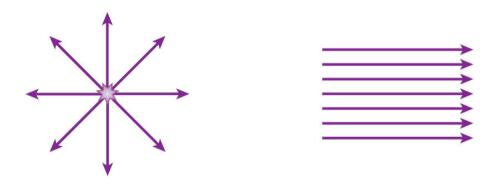
### Objects...

- Objects can be either *self-luminous* (i.e.: sun, flames, and light bulbs) or *reflective*.
- Most objects are reflective.



## Objects...

- The diverging rays from a *point source* are emitted in all directions.
- Each point on an object is a point source of light rays.
- A parallel bundle of rays could be a laser beam, or light from a distant object.

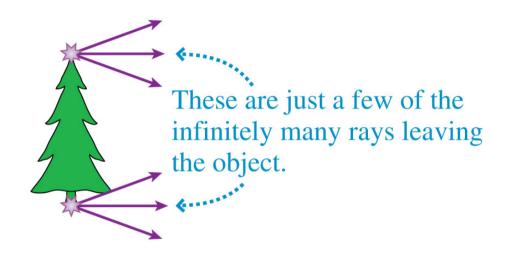


Point source

Parallel bundle

#### Ray Diagrams...

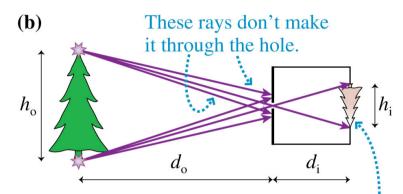
- Rays originate from *every* point on an object and travel outward in *all* directions, but a diagram trying to show all these rays would be messy and confusing.
- To simplify the picture, we use a *ray diagram* showing only a few rays.



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- □ The *geometry* of the rays causes the image to be *upside down*.
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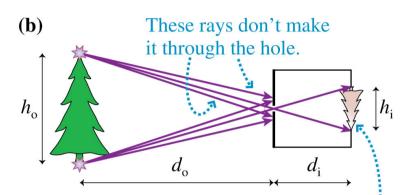
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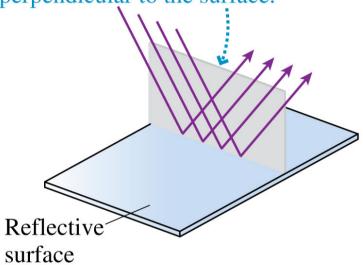
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#### 23.2 Reflection

Specular Reflection...

□ reflection from a flat, smooth surface, such as a mirror or a piece of polished metal.

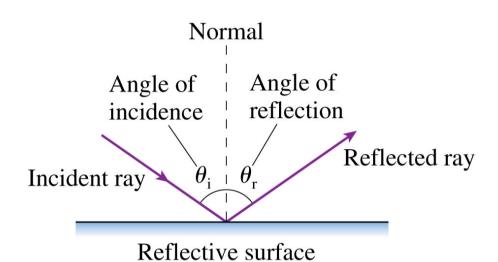
The incident and reflected rays lie in the plane of incidence, a plane perpendicular to the surface.



#### Law of Reflection..

- 1. The incident and reflected ray are in the same plane normal to the surface.
- 2. The angle of reflection equals the angle of incidence:

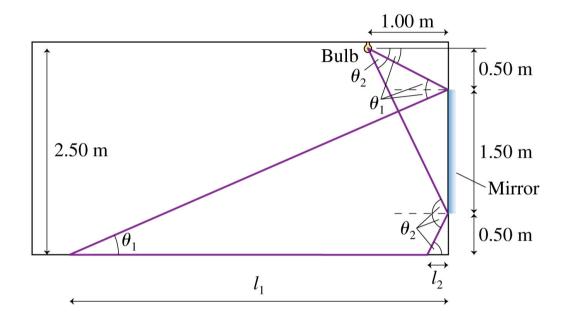
$$\theta_i = \theta_r$$



## i.e. 23.1: Light reflecting from a mirror

A dressing mirror on a closet door is 1.50 m tall. The bottom is 0.50 m above the floor. A bare light bulb hangs 1.00 m from the closet door, 2.50 m above the floor.

How long is the streak of reflected light across the floor?



## Diffuse Reflection...

The *Law of Reflection* is obeyed at *each point* but the irregularities of the surface cause the reflected rays to leave in many directions.

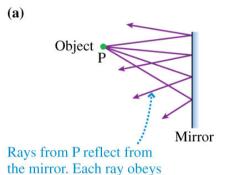
Each ray obeys the law of reflection at that point, but the irregular surface causes the reflected rays to leave in many random directions.



Magnified view of surface

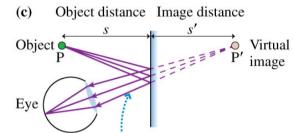
#### The Plane Mirror...

- □ Consider a source of rays from point *P*, which reflect from a mirror...
- □ The reflected rays *appear* to emanate from P, which is the *same distance* behind the mirror as P is in front of the mirror (s = s')



Object P  $\theta_{i}$   $\theta_{r}$   $\theta_{r}$ 

This reflected ray appears to have been traveling along a line that passed through point P'.



The reflected rays *all* diverge from P', which appears to be the source of the reflected rays. Your eye collects the bundle of diverging rays and "sees" the light coming from P'.

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the law of reflection.

# i.e. 23.2: How high is the mirror?

If your height is *h*, what is the shortest mirror on the wall in which you can see your full image? Where must the top of the mirror be hung?

